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1. (Three Times Amended) A tree-top mounting device, comprising:  
an elongated housing;  
an elongated support slidably received within said elongated housing,  
with said housing capable of housing substantially half of said elongated support;  
a fitting head disposed at a distal end of said elongated support;  
a fastener adapted to secure said elongated housing to a tree; and  
a lock to secure said sliding support in said elongated housing at a  
desired position.

3. (Not Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said fitting  
head includes a bayonet coupling for attachment to an ornament.

4. (Not Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said fitting  
head comprises a disc and a cylindrical connector, with said disc and said cylindrical connector  
adaptable to receive an ornament.

5. (Not Further Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said  
fastener includes a hook and loop fastener secured to said elongated housing.

6. (Three Times Amended) A tree-top mounting device, comprising:  
a mount including an elongated housing and a sliding rod slidable  
within said elongated housing, said sliding rod having a distal end adapted to receive an  
ornament and said elongated housing capable of substantially housing at least half of said sliding  
rod;  
a fastener adapted to attach said elongated housing to a tree; and  
a locking mechanism for locking said sliding rod in said elongated  
housing.

7. (Not Amended) A tree-top mount device according to claim 6, further  
comprising a fitting head disposed at the distal end of said sliding rod.

9. (Three Times Amended) A tree-top mounting device comprising:  
telescoping means comprising an elongated first member slidably  
received in an elongated second member, with said second member capable of housing  
substantially at least half of said first member;  
means for connecting said first member to an object; and  
means for locking said first member and said second member together.

10. (Not Amended) A mounting device according to claim 9, wherein said  
means for connecting is a bayonet coupling.